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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET] A Begley William E (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person PORTLAND, MEÂ 04101 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Chief Financial Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Magellan Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security |                        | Conversion or Exercise | Ownership<br>Form of                   | (Instr. 5) |
|------------|--|-----------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------|
|            |  |                 | (Instr. 4)                                   |                        | Price of               | Derivative                             |            |
|            |  | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect |            |

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Begley William E
7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET Â Â Â Chief Financial Officer Â
PORTLAND, MEÂ 04101

## **Signatures**

/s/ William E. Begley, Jr. by Edward B. Whittemore, attorney-in-fact

02/12/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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#### **Remarks:**

The reporting person was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Magellan Petroleum Corp. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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